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In the Application of:)

Chen *et al.*)

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For: Method and Medium for Detecting)
Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus)

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Examiner: Li, Bao Q.

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2004. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

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